



Are you a parent of a child under 3 years of age?

Do you have concerns about your child's development?

### **BIRTH TO 3 PROGRAM**

The Birth to 3 Program is an early intervention program for eligible infants and toddlers with developmental delays and disabilities. It is available in every County in Wisconsin. The Program is designed to provide support to parents to enhance their ability to meet the developmental needs of children. The program provides assessment, evaluation, and coordinated services which are unique to each child and family. It emphasizes child and family strengths, routines and natural environments which include informal supports so that children can succeed.

The Birth to 3 Program can assess the child's ability to:

- Learn and Play
- Move, See, and Hear
- Communicate
- Develop Relationships
- Express and Regulate Emotions
- Eat, Sleep, and Pay Attention

Areas of development the Birth to Three Program can evaluate:

- Speech and Language
- Gross Motor
- Fine Motor
- Cognition
- Social-Emotional

### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

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- Children's optimal development depends on their being viewed first as children and second as children with a problem or disability.
- Children's greatest resource is their family.
- Parents are partners in any activity that serves their children.
- Just as children are best supported within the context of family, the family is best supported within the context of the community.
- Professionals are most effective when they can work as a team member with parents and others.
- Collaboration is the best way to provide comprehensive services.
- Early intervention enhances the development of children.

## OUR MISSION

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*To enhance the family's ability to effectively meet the developmental needs of their child.*

## OUR VISION

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Fond du Lac County's Birth to Three Program will:

- Work together with families to support the hopes and dreams they have for their children.
- Assist families in accessing appropriate specialized services and resources in their home and community.
- Assure the developmental potential of each child.

## ELIGIBILITY

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Children must have a significant developmental delay of at least 25% in any one area of development determined through a Birth to 3 Evaluation, **or** a diagnosis with a high probability of a developmental delay, **or** atypical development. Eligibility is a team decision. Parents are included as members of the Early Intervention Team.

\*\*\*Eligibility is not based on income and there are no waiting lists\*\*\*

## HOW DO I MAKE A REFERRAL?

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If you are concerned about your child's development, call **(920) 929-3919** to make a referral or fax a referral to (920) 929-7511.

## WHAT WILL HAPPEN AFTER I CALL TO MAKE A REFERRAL?

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Once a referral is received, someone will contact you to gather additional information and to schedule a developmental screen to begin assessing the child and family's strengths.

## HOW IS THE BIRTH TO THREE PROGRAM FUNDED?

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The Birth to 3 Program is funded through County, State and Federal funds, Public and Private Insurance and the Parental Cost Share.

## **COST SHARE**

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In Wisconsin, Parents share in the cost of early intervention services based on their income. The Parental Cost Share System is based on a partnership between the family and public sector and will never exceed the cost of services. Many families do not have a cost share and the maximum cost share has been capped at \$150 per month. There is no cost for the evaluation, assessment, service coordination or the development of the Individual Family Service Plan. If your child might be eligible for Wisconsin Medicaid through programs such as Badger Care, SSI, or Katie Beckett, you will be asked to apply. You will also be asked for consent to bill your private Health Insurance.

## **RESOURCES**

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Fond du Lac County Birth to Three Program Newsletters - Winter 2009  
Self Assessment Reports - 2008

[www.zerotothree.org](http://www.zerotothree.org)

[www.dhfs.state.wi.us](http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us)

[www.childdevelopmentinfo.com/index.htm](http://www.childdevelopmentinfo.com/index.htm)

[www.familyeducation.com](http://www.familyeducation.com)

[www.challengingbehavior.org](http://www.challengingbehavior.org)

## **WHO DO I CALL IF I NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?**

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You may call Fond du Lac County's Birth to 3 Program Office at (920) 929-6891.

***BECAUSE THE FIRST THREE YEARS BUILD A LIFETIME...***



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